

Abstract

The Open Documentary is a unique, new format for broadcasting video on the internet, a collaborative, navigable, online format which can be watched like TV or explored like the web. An advance from simple webcasting, the Open documentary will enable people to upload video clips and create storyline sequences from fragments of their own and other people's video material. The Open Documentary system will combine and recombine the clips until they are knitted into the fabric of the site. As a result, stories will start to overlap, interlink and branch off from one another in a variety of new directions as each storyline becomes just one part of a diverse narrative tapestry. By providing an interactive forum for stories to unfold, the Open Documentary will evolve into a collaborative space, tackling a landscape of interlocking subjects in a manner far more powerful than any single filmmaker or organisation could manage.